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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for women has recommended major amendments in the laws to ensure empowerment, equality and safety to women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Women have recommended some major amendments in the IPC to address the issues of molestation and eve teasing as specific offences and has proposed enhanced punishments for all forms of sexual assault including rape. Corresponding changes have also been proposed in the Cr. P.C. and the Indian Evidence Act. NCW has also recommended some major amendments in the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 to make it more effective. The Commission has also proposed a Bill on Sexual harassment at workplace so that such harassment can be treated in terms of legal provisions.

(c) The recommendations are presently under the consideration of the Government. It will not be possible at this stage to indicate any definite time-frame for their implementation.